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REMARKS

Independent claims 41 and 42 and dependent claims 43 and 52-59 remain in this case. The claim objections have been attended to. As to the § 112 rejections, it is believed that they have been attended to with the exception of claim 55 and the use of the term "complex polymer". That term does expressly appear in the specification (see, e.g., U.S. Patent No. 5,605,662 at column 22, line 8). Reconsideration is requested.

It is believed this application is now in condition for allowance. If minor matters remain, the undersigned requests that he be contacted by telephone at (949) 823-6960.

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